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YASUSHI KASAJIMA et al.	)	Group Art Unit: 3623
Serial No. 09/863,613	)	
Filed: May 23, 2001	)	Examiner: Tamara L. Graysay
For: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR OFFER-	)	
ING CUSTOMER INFORMATION	)	
SERVICE TO SPECIFIC USERS UTILIZ-	)	
ING COMMUNICATION NETWORK	)	
AND MULTI-FUNCTIONAL COMMUNI-	)	
CATION TERMINAL UNIT OF NET-	)	
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SAME SYSTEM	)	

LETTER RE RESTART

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Dear Sir:

In connection with the above-identified application, an Office Action was issued on March 31, 2005. Upon review of the Office Action, it was found that the Examiner erroneously cited Mikurak as "US 6,606,704." Upon a telephonic request from our office on May 2, 2005, the Examiner provided the correct patent number of which is --US 6,606,744--.

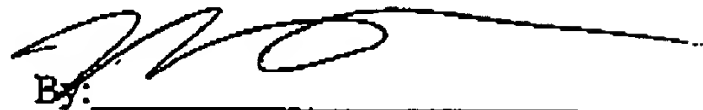
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A copy of the Office Action is attached for your reference. It is therefore respectfully requested that the Patent Office restart the period to respond.

Respectfully submitted,

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# Office Action Summary

Application No.

09/863,613

Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Tamara L. Graysay

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3623

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

## Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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## Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on \_\_\_\_.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

## Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-13 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-13 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

## Application Papers

- 9) ☒ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 23 May 2001 is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☒ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

## Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- \* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

## Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 1 page.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. \_\_\_\_.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_.

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call device (nurse-call button). It is inherent in Chaco that the system includes attribute information, as broadly recited, for example, the location of the patient.

14. Claim 10 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Chen (US-5553609) in view of Mikurak (US-6606704).

Chen lacks means for executing a program to prepare a market trend investigation report and for sending the report to a manufacturer "or the like."

Mikurak teaches collecting data and preparing trend reports (Fig.20) for use in evaluating the level and quality of service in the service industry.

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify Chen to include means for executing a program to prepare a market trend investigation report and for sending the report to an appropriate party, like a service quality management review team, such as taught by Mikurak, in order to analyze the data and determine the level and quality of service provided by the home health care service.

15. Claims 12 and 13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Chen (US-5553609).

Chen discloses an indoor network rather than a power supply network including a feed control line.

Vizard teaches using a power supply network and feed control line developed by AT&T.

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It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify Chen to substitute a power supply network for the indoor network of Chen, as an alternative source for connecting the equipment throughout the network.


### Conclusion

16. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

17. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Tamara L. Graysay whose telephone number is <sup>(571) 272-6728</sup> ~~(703) 305-1918~~. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon - Fri from 8:30am to 5:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Tariq Hafiz, can be reached on (703) 305-9643. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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Tamara L. Graysay  
Examiner  
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**OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)**

<i>[Handwritten Initial]</i>	Maury Wright, "Home-automation networks mature while the PC industry chases a new home LAN", EDN Electrical Design News, Cahners Publishing Co. Newton, MA U.S.A., No. Europe, June 4, 1998, pp 101, 104, 106, 108, 110, 112, 114

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T. GRAYSAY

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	B	US-5,553,609	09-1996	Chen et al.	600/301
	C	US-4,680,790	07-1987	Packard et al.	379/432
	D	US-6,208,975	03-2001	Bull et al.	705/10
	E	US-5,710,884	01-1998	Dedrick, Rick	705/26
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